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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

William C. Vaughn, Jr.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Action is in regards to the Response received on 28 April 2005.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mattaway et al. (Mattaway), U.S. Patent No. 6,185,184 in view of Hipp et al. (Hipp), U.S. Patent No. 6,891,837.

5. Regarding **claim 1**, Mattaway discloses the invention substantially as claimed. Mattaway discloses *a method for using multiple network addresses for interprocess communication through a common physical layer, comprising: creating a first interprocess communication data structure associated with a first network address on a first network device [see Mattaway, Col. 23, lines 1-10]; establishing a first communication between the first network device and a second network device using the first interprocess communication data structure and the first network address, wherein the first communication passes through the common physical layer for the first network device [see Mattaway, Col. 23, lines 2-5]; creating a second interprocess*

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communication data structure associated with a second network address on the first network device, wherein the second network address is different from the first network address [see Mattaway, Col. 24, lines 37-40]; and establishing a second communication between the first network device and a third network device using the second interprocess communication data structure and the second network address [see Mattaway Col. 24, lines 29-40]. However, Mattaway does not explicitly disclose creating a second interprocess communication data structure associated with a second network address on the first network device, wherein the second network address is different from the first network address and establishing a second communication between the first network device and a third network device using the second interprocess communication data structure and the second network address the second communication passes through the common physical layer for the first network device.

6. In the same field of endeavor, Hipp discloses (e.g., virtual endpoints). Hipp discloses *creating a second interprocess communication data structure associated with a second network address on the first network device, wherein the second network address is different from the first network address and establishing a second communication between the first network device and a third network device using the second interprocess communication data structure and the second network address the second communication passes through the common physical layer for the first network device* (Hipp teaches a first socket module associates with a data channel with an existing socket endpoint as well as a data structure associated with the socket implementation. Furthermore, Hipp teaches multiple virtual addresses between first, second and third application that are associated with endpoints or sockets. Also, Hipp teaches utilizing a common data channel as a means of communication between the different computers and

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applications. Hipp also teaches establishing a communication with a third computer and having the ability to maintain communication along the same communication path as the first and second applications.), [see Hipp, Col. 6, lines 40-67, Col. 7, lines 1-19, 31-67, Col. 8, lines 1-14, 37-67, Col. 11, lines 3-47].

7. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the networking art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated Hipp's teachings of virtual endpoints with the teachings of Mattaway, for the purpose of providing communication between two or more applications by utilizing virtual endpoints [see Hipp, Col. 3, lines 3-24].

8. Regarding **claim 2**, Mattaway-Hipp discloses a computer readable medium having stored therein instructions for causing a central processing unit to execute the method of Claim 1 [see Mattaway, Col. 4, lines 35-67 and Col. 5, lines 1-13]. By this rationale **claim 2** is rejected.

9. Regarding **claim 3**, Mattaway-Hipp discloses wherein the first interprocess communication data structure is a first socket comprising: a first socket descriptor with which a first process on the first network device accesses the first interprocess communication data structure [see rejection of claim 1, supra] and the first network address. By this rationale **claim 3** is rejected.

10. Regarding **claim 4**, Mattaway-Hipp discloses wherein the second interprocess communication data structure is a second socket comprising: a second socket descriptor with which a second process on the first network device accesses the second interprocess communication data structure [see rejection of claim 1, supra] and the second network address. By this rationale **claim 4** is rejected.

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11. Regarding **claim 5**, Mattaway-Hipp discloses wherein the first network address and the second network address are Internet Protocol addresses [see Mattaway, table 6]. By this rationale **claim 5** is rejected.

12. Regarding **claim 6**, Mattaway-Hipp discloses wherein the step of creating the first or second interprocess communication data structure includes calling a reentrant socket networking function that allows multiple network addresses to be allocated (Mattaway teaches dynamically allocated IP addresses), [see Mattaway, Col. 6, lines 52-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-7]. By this rationale **claim 6** is rejected.

13. Regarding **claim 7**, Mattaway-Hipp discloses wherein the step of creating the first or second interprocess communication data structure includes calling a reentrant bind socket networking function that allows multiple network addresses to be allocated (Mattaway teaches dynamically allocated IP addresses), [see Mattaway, Col. 6, lines 52-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-7]. By this rationale **claim 7** is rejected.

14. Regarding **claim 8**, Mattaway-Hipp discloses *wherein the step of establishing the first or second communication includes calling a reentrant connect socket networking function that allows multiple network addresses to be allocated* (Mattaway teaches dynamically allocated IP addresses), [see Mattaway, Col. 6, lines 52-67 and Col. 7, lines 1-7]. By this rationale **claim 8** is rejected.

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments filed on 28 April 2005 have been carefully considered but they are not deemed fully persuasive. However, because there exists the likelihood of future presentation

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of this argument, the Examiner thinks that it is prudent to address applicants' main points of contention. Applicant's arguments include:

- a. Applicant argues that Mattaway does not teach or suggest creating "a second network address on the first network device, wherein the second network address is different from the first network address" or the step of passing a first and a second communication "through the common physical layer for the first network device.

16. As to "Point A", the combination of Mattaway-Hipp does disclose a second network address on the first network device on the first network device, wherein the second network address is different from the first network address [see Mattaway, Col. 2, lines 19-32] passing a first and a second communication "through the common physical layer for the first network device [see Hipp, Col. 6, lines 40-67, Col. 7, lines 1-19, 31-67, Col. 8, lines 1-14, 37-67, Col. 11, lines 3-47]. Thus it is also clear that Hipp even further elaborates on multiple addresses on a single device.

17. Again, it is the Examiner's position that Applicant has not yet submitted claims drawn to limitations, which define the operation and apparatus of Applicant's disclosed invention in manner, which distinguishes over the prior art. As it is Applicant's right to continue to claim as broadly as possible their invention. It is also the Examiner's right to continue to interpret the claim language as broadly as possible. It is the Examiner's position that the detailed functionality that allows for Applicant's invention to overcome the prior art used in the rejection, fails to differentiate in detail how these features are unique. It is requested that Applicant show in further detail the reentrant functions as it applies to the modified sockets, close, bind, connect and getsockname, (see Applicant's specification, pages 21-30). As it is extremely well known in

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the networking art as already shown by Mattaway-Zhang and other prior arts of records disclosed, the claimed features as currently showed. Thus, it is clear that Applicant must submit amendments to the claims in order to distinguish over the prior art use in the rejection that discloses different features of Applicant's claim invention.

18. Applicant has had numerous opportunities to amend the claimed subject matter, and has failed to modify the claim language to distinguish over the prior art of record by clarifying or substantially narrowing the claim language. Thus, Applicant apparently intends that a broad interpretation be given to the claims and the Examiner has adopted such in the present and previous Office action rejections. See *In re Prater and Wei*, 162 USPQ 541 (CCPA 1969), and MPEP 2111.

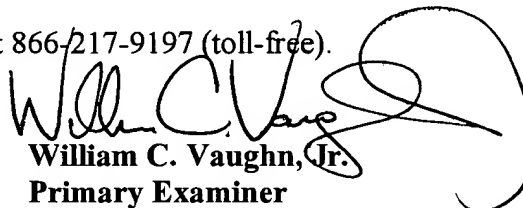
Conclusion

19. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C. Vaughn, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3922. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-6:00, 1st and 2nd Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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